AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph bridging page 15, line 25, to page 16, line 1, with the following amended paragraph.

FIG. 8 shows the structure of the expression vector I/pUP2/hEPO of present invention;

Please replace the paragraph on page 16, lines 2 to 3, with the following amended paragraph.

FIG. 9 shows the structure of the expression vector pUP2/hEPO(WPRE) of the present invention;

Please replace the paragraph on page 16, lines 4 to 5, with the following amended paragraph.

FIG. 10 shows the structure of the expression vector I/pUP2/hEPO(WPRE) of the present invention;

Please replace the paragraph on page 19, lines 19 to 24, with the following amended paragraph.

As a result, when the screening was performed with the probe A, clones [[A]]1 and [[B]]2 as shown in FIG. 1 were obtained. When the probe B was used in the screening, clones [[C]]3 and [[D]]4 as shown in FIG. 1 were obtained. Since each of such clones contained a porcine uroplakin II promoter or a structural gene at the 3' end, the comparison between the clones provided the complete base sequence of the porcine uroplakin II promoter.

Please replace the paragraph on page 21, lines 8 to 12, with the following amended paragraph.

The gel was placed in 0.1 M Tris solution (pH 7.5) for 30 minutes, and in 20 x SSC solution (3M sodium chloride, 0.3M sodium-citrate, pH 7.3) for about 30 minutes, and then ~~DNA~~RNA was transferred to the gel using a positively charged membrane. For RNA immobilization, the transferred membrane was left to stand at 80 °C for 2 hours.

Please replace the paragraph at page 35, line 5, with the following amended paragraph.

This result coincides with the results shown in the part 2-1) of Example ~~7~~6.